ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES FISHERY UPDATE



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KETCHIKAN HERRING UPDATE 2018 #6

An aerial and skiff survey was conducted yesterday in the Craig area. Weather was snow squalls, low clouds, and light winds. ADF&G personnel are on the grounds and will be monitoring the fishery daily throughout the Craig spawning event.

5 miles of spawn was observed on Wadleigh, Clam, and Abbess islands. Herring and predator activity continues on the west shore of Wadleigh Island from Entrance Point north to Abbess Island. The department has identified 66 herring pound structures that are on the grounds and are actively fishing.

The next scheduled aerial survey is planned for Sunday, April 1.

2018 Ketchikan Herring Summary

| Craig | |
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| March 16, 2018 | Limited herring and predator activity in the Craig Area. |
| March 20, 2018 | No Spawn. Predators in the Craig Area. |
| March 24, 2018 | No Spawn. Predators in the Craig Area. |
| March 27, 2018 | No Spawn. Herring and predators around Clam and Wadleigh |
| | Islands. |
| March 29, 2018 | 0.5 nautical miles spawn on SW Wadleigh Island and Abbess |
| | Island. |
| March 30, 2018 | 2.5 nautical miles spawn on SW Wadleigh Island and Abbess |
| | Island. |
| March 31, 2018 | 5 nautical miles spawn on Wadleigh Island and Abbess Island. |
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